

BUSY SCHOOLS NEWS

Term 1, Week 8

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We are almost at the end of Term One! Well done to all of our students on making it this far, and to our staff, families and carers for being such a fantastic support network for our students and the school.

We have our excursion to Cairns Zoom and Wildlife Dome coming up in Week Ten. The aim is for the students to have some fun while building new relationships with the staff and other students. I look forward to hearing the exciting stories after the day and seeing lots of photos.

Naomi Vucas

PRINCIPAL

Cert II Supply Chain

Students enrolled in the Strategix Cert II Supply Chain have an induction next Thursday 24th March at 9am until 12:30pm. Students will be dismissed at 12:30pm.

Smoking/Vaping

For the first time since we opened in 2020, we are having major issues with the vaping and smoking in toilets and on buses. We have conducted bag searches, monitored the toilets throughout the whole day and given many warnings to students. I have offered support to students who have a problem getting through the school day without smoking without judgement or fear of discipline. The wellbeing and safety of all of our students is of great importance at BUSY Schools, and these behaviours are impacting all of us. Students have all been warned that if they are caught vaping or smoking during the school day from now on, there is a very high likelihood of their enrolment being cancelled with us.

Assessment and Academic News

Year 12 Assessment

Year 12 Maths assessment draft was due this week. It is important that students submit drafts to allow for feedback before they submit the final piece. It can also be used as a backup should something happen, and a final piece not be handed in. The final Maths assessment is due next week.

Year 12 SCS have their exam next week on either Monday or Wednesday. Students who miss the exam and do not provide any evidence of illness or misadventure will be given an 'NR' rating. This will mean they lose the 2 potential QCE points that we have calculated as part of our QCE predictions. This may mean they do not gain their QCE.

The schedule for Monday and Wednesday will look different. It will be as shown below:

Session 1: SCS Exam preparation

Session 2: SCS Exam

Session 3: Maths Assessment Completion

Year 11 Assessment

Year 11 Maths exam was this week. We were so impressed with the attendance of the students. Thank you to all the families, carers and especially students for making these exams run smoothly. If your young person was away, we will need a medical

certificate to allow them to sit the exam when they return. Year 11 English and Social Community Studies finals are due next week. The students have been working really hard on these. They should all be congratulated.

Excursion – Cairns Zoom and Wildlife Dome

The students will be attending a team building day at Cairns Zoom and Wildlife Dome in the last week of school. Permission and health forms have been handed out. You will also find a copy attached to this newsletter. Students will find their own way to the Dome. Morning and afternoon school buses have been redirected to drop off and pick up from there. BUSY pick-ups will also be redirected to the Dome. If there are any issues with travel, please let Clare know so we can assist with arrangements. We look forward to a fun filled day of building a team culture.

There is a ZOOM Waiver Release Form that requires a signature (attached) – please sign and return asap. Hard copies will also be handed out to students.

Tropic Wings

A big thank you to the majority of our bus students. We have heard that the bus drivers absolutely love doing the BUSY Schools bus run every day. We have so many fabulous young people at our school. We are so lucky!!!

Anti-Bullying (Marney and Amber)

“Bullying is a constant battle inside and outside of school. Bullying is a deliberate misuse of power in relationships; this can be done in many ways like repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power, or perceived power, over one or more persons who feel unable to stop it from happening. Bullying can be done in person and online over many platforms. Bullying of any form or for any reason can have immediate, medium and long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders”.

This week here at BUSY Schools we celebrated National Day Against Bullying, the students and teachers took part in activities such as watching short YouTube clips, creating posters to display and taking short surveys, that encouraged them to think about what is bullying, and how they can help prevent or even stop it in our community. Here at BUSY Schools we like to foster a safe and inclusive environment for everyone and will not tolerate bullying in any form, If you feel that you are a victim of bullying please come and talk to one of your teachers, youth workers or even the principal so that we can help.



Employment Pathway Officer Update (Amba and Amanda)

Defence Jobs Info Session

Defence Force Recruiting invites you to an upcoming Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) information session. This is a great opportunity to learn all about ADFA and how to give your students the best chance of applying once they finish school.

At ADFA, students have the opportunity to learn and study for a world-class degree, receive Service training, earn a salary while learning, and graduate with a rewarding job with no HELP debt. The experienced ADFA representative, Frank Larkin, will be available for an information session whilst in Cairns, and can answer any questions about ADFA and a career in the Australian Defence Force.

Follow the links below to sign up now!

Wednesday 23rd March 2022 at 5.30pm
Defence Force Recruiting Centre - 118 McLeod St, Cairns QLD 4870



Year 12 James Cook University Open Day

BUSY Schools has an exclusive guided tour of the James Cook University coming up in Term 2 on Thursday the 28th of April 2022. This is a behind the scenes look as well as the different study options for your young person. There are limited places so first in best dressed and please let Amanda or Amba know before Tuesday the 19th of April if your young person would like to attend.

Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) Course Friday 8th of April 2022 (During School Holidays)

The Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) course has been filled with so many students!!!! This course will be carried out off site so you will need to arrive at Mi Haven (9 Palm Ave, Parramatta Park) by 8.15am and the course finishes at 4pm. Your young person will receive an email from Mi Haven to confirm their attendance over the coming days which will have an enrolment form and pre-training test, please make sure that they do this by 1st of April 2022 or they will miss out on their place. Please let Amanda and Amba know if you have any questions or queries.

MAY Site Visit – NORWELD Australia LIMITED SPOTS

BUSY Schools has been given the opportunity of taking our students who are interested in Auto Electrical and Welding to a exclusive site visit. Norweld has a proud history of making their customers dreams a reality and with over 50 years of aluminium manufacturing experience and a few thousand trays and canopies out in the wild, Norweld still continue to innovate and improve upon their products. They partner with leading manufacturers and vehicle modification companies, such as Marks 4WD Adapters, Multidrive, JMACX and Creative Conversions, to ensure a seamless integration into your vehicle build. Through these partnerships, their customers have come to realise their vehicle's full potential. Make sure to let Amba know to put your name down as there are limited spaces

MAY Site Visit – APG Manufacturing 6 SPOTS ONLY

BUSY Schools also has the availability of attending a site visit with APG Manufacturing for any students interested in Metal Fabrication or Welding. APG Manufacturing are a privately owned and Australian full-service metal fabrication manufacturing business based in Cairns. Their highly experienced team offers technical advice to optimise the long-term performance of designs and their facilities provide the flexibility to hot dip galvanize small components, unusual shapes or large-scale structural elements. Make sure to let Amba know to put your name down as there are limited spaces

STRATEGIX – Certificate II Food Processing and Supply Chain – Induction 24th of March 2022

The Certificate II in Food Processing and Supply Chain Induction will be happening at BUSY Schools Cairns Campus on Thursday the 24th of March 2022 at 9am. This course is run every Thursday from 9am to 12pm over Term 2 and Term 3 of this year. Parental Permission Slips were emailed out on the 15th of March 2022 to your personal email address, if you could please

sign and send back to Amanda or Amba so that your young person doesn't miss their spot on this course. If your young person requires transport to school for this session, please let Amanda or Amba know so that they can be booked onto the school bus.

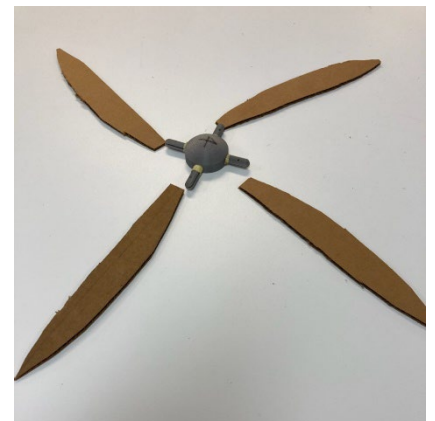
Career and Future Education Talks

Amanda and Amba will be checking in with each student during session 4 over the coming weeks to discuss with your young person their career and future education choices. If you have any questions or queries, please contact Amanda or Amba via their emails or below contact numbers.

If you have any questions regarding the above course/ events, please speak to Amba or Amanda.

Year 12 CQ University Cairns Experience

On Thursday this week three of our Year 12 students were about to experience what in the life of a uni student is going to be like. They each were able to try out some of our courses in Sports and Science, Psychology and Engineering with practical actions in each session. The students were able to catch up with friends from other schools and see what else is on offer for them next year with studying at CQ University.



Feedback Process

At BUSY Schools we want everyone to have a voice! We want to hear any compliments and/or concerns. The best way for feedback to be effective is to pass it through the most relevant channels. If you have anything you need to express, you could:

- Approach the relevant people directly and have a respectful conversation to resolve the incident;
- Approach Naomi to discuss the issue; and/or
- Report the feedback on the BUSY Schools Website: <https://www.busyschools.qld.edu.au/busy-schools-feedback/>

BUSY Schools Values

INCLUSIVITY

People of all communities coming as one team for common goals.

EXCELLENCE

We always strive to exceed.

RESILIENCE

Equipped to meet challenges and excel.

INTEGRITY

We act with honesty and sincerity.

INNOVATION

Embracing new ideas and technology to stay ahead of change.

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